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## "Truly Catastrophic" Economic Prospects

### Wedemeyer Breaks His Silence

Boston, Oct. 16.—The local office of the United Service to China today released a letter from Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer to Mrs. John Gardner Coolidge, Vice President of the Women's Division of the organization, in which he called for American aid to the Chinese people, but warned that without "drastic" economic reforms the nation would be "drawn into the Soviet orbit."

The letter was the first break in Gen. Wedemeyer's silence since his return from the Far East and was released with his expressed permission. Gen. Wedemeyer charged that the Soviet Union would "capitalise fully upon disorganisation and chaos in the area exactly as she had done in Europe." He criticised the "corruption and maladministration" in the Chinese Government but expressed confidence in the sincerity of President Chiang Kai-shek.

"As I interpret the American policy, we are not trying to impose our political and economic structure upon other peoples but we are striving to create conditions that will enable the people to express themselves freely concerning how and by whom they will be governed and concomitantly to protect their personal liberties and establish democracy in human relationships," Gen. Wedemeyer said.

#### ENTITLED TO HELP

I admire and respect the Chinese people and feel they are entitled to our friendly assistance with one stipulation—that such assistance is supervised to insure worthy Chinese receive the benefit thereby."

Lt. General Albert Wedemeyer in his letter said, "It would be most unfortunate to ask the American people to give assistance that might strengthen the position of persons or groups undermining the principles of the United Nations Charter."

Termining China's present condition as an "economic revolution," Gen. Wedemeyer said, "With approximately 80 percent of the population illiterate it is my opinion that it would be unsound to expect true democratic procedures. However, we Americans should support the aspirations of the Chinese to improve their cultural position and participate intelligently and realistically in the government. I retain the conviction that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is sincere in his desire to accomplish these objectives."—United Press.

### Ministers Threatened

London, Oct. 16.—The Evening Standard said today that British Intelligence officers in Palestine had warned America's Federal Bureau of Investigation of terrorist death threats against the British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, and the Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNeill, who are attending the United Nations meeting in New York.

### Dismantling German War Plants

Berlin, Oct. 16.—The American and British Military Governments announced today that 682 war and industrial plants would be dismantled as reparations and the British Military Governor, Sir Brian Robertson, warned German labour leaders not to try to prevent the programme by calling strikes.

Sir Brian said that "steps will be taken" to enforce the dismantling programme. He declined to disclose the nature of the steps if strikes were called.

He told a press conference that industrial capacity to be retained under the new Anglo-American plan "would be ample to enable the bi-zonal area to make a maximum contribution to European recovery within the framework of the Marshall Plan."

Advocate Wilkinson, American Military Government Economics chief, said the dismantling plan opened the door for the resumption of reparations allocations to the Soviet Union.

#### POLICY HOLDS GOOD

Mr. Wilkinson explained that the 18-month-old American policy of no more allocations for Russia was not dead. He spoke at a press conference held by Maj. Gen. George P. Hays, deputy Military Governor.

Mr. Wilkinson said the "stop" policy clamped down by General Lucius D. Clay in March 1946 applied.

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### MARSHALL PLAN CHIEFS' WARNING

### Save Food Campaign Successes Claimed

Washington, Oct. 16.—Two European "Marshall plan" chiefs warned at a press conference here today that a "truly catastrophic" prospect lies ahead for Europe if adequate United States aid is not forthcoming in good time. They were Sir Oliver Franks (Britain), Chairman of the 16-nation Marshall plan Committee, and M. Herve Alphonse (France), Rapporteur General.

Sir Oliver said: "It is not just a matter of a further lowering of the standard of living. It is a matter of the essentials of life not being there—of sufficient quantity not being obtainable so that life itself can go on."

The warning came while reports were still circulating here that no special session of Congress would be held this year and the Marshall plan was unlikely to get fully under way until the middle of 1948.

Sir Oliver claimed that the economic situation in Europe was deteriorating at "catastrophic speed."

He pointed out that the Paris report of his Committee was based on the economic level of Europe at July, 1947.

Since then conditions had grown worse and were still worsening and the successful fulfilment of the Marshall plan itself was made more difficult by every lowering of the economic standards.

As far as Britain was concerned, Sir Oliver said that the recent steps taken by the Government to reorganise production and the export programme represented a "lowering of industrial activity" and made Britain's own obligations under the Marshall plan just that bit more difficult to achieve.

Sir Oliver Franks and M. Alphonse both refrained from giving many details of the discussions they have had so far with the United States Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett.—Reuter.

#### TRUMAN OPTIMISTIC

Washington, Oct. 16.—President Truman reported today that "considerable success" has met his efforts to find funds for needy European countries before Congress reconvenes. The President's statement strengthened the reliable reports circulating here that the administration has tentatively decided not to call a special session of Congress this year.

President Truman stressed that a special session is still "possible" and should not be ruled out. Nevertheless, his optimistic remarks about actions releasing over \$140,000,000 to France strengthened the belief that the Administration had decided to wait until Congress reconvenes in January before asking them to approve the overall \$800,000,000 stop-gap aid programme.

President Truman angrily denounced "the tremendous gambling" on United States commodity exchanges and blamed it for soaring domestic prices and the difficulty in obtaining grain for export.

He disclosed that the United States Attorney General, Mr. Tom Clark, was carrying out an investigation of this gambling, particularly on the Chicago grain market, with a view to a possible Grand Jury inquiry into the situation.

#### ON WAY TO SUCCESS

In the meantime, President Truman reported his voluntary food conservation programme was "well on the way to success."

Avoiding comment on whether compulsory measures would be needed to obtain the necessary 100,000,000 bushels more for the European countries, the President described the present campaign as "an attempt to get this free enterprise nation to do what other nations do with police methods."

His remarks were taken as being aimed at yesterday's activities in Chicago where wheat soared to US\$3.09 per bushel—another record.

Wheat traders, by continuing the speculation have ignored the early Government appeals to dampen down their speculative activities.

Asked to explain his remark about "police state methods," he said that all controls with compulsory rationing constituted a "police state approach," though such an approach was necessary to some emergencies.

The President made it clear that extraordinary efforts were still going on to get the necessary funds for Italy, France and Austria to keep them going until January, when Congressional action might be expected.

Referring to the redistribution of looted gold exports—the Import Bank's release of funds to France and the United States Army compensation payments to the same country, the President said: "Other efforts are being pursued in other directions."

#### TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

The whole tenor of President Truman's remarks today strongly indicated that his administration has tentatively decided on the following programme:

1.—Reliance on "scrapping the barrel" measures between now and the end of the year, which recent investigations have shown may prove adequate to prevent a serious halt in essential supplies—particularly of grain and coal—to France and Italy.

2.—Submission to both Houses of the stop-gap aid programme when they normally meet at the beginning of January.

The Committees have already finished their consideration of the matter and full Congressional approval could be expected in about three weeks.

3.—The extension of the interim aid programme to cover the first six months of 1948—that is, until the end of the fiscal year—so that the Marshall plan shall have a lengthy examination by both the House of Representatives and the Senate and be in shape for the full implementation at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1, 1948.

British official circles in London are trying to be polite about the delay on the Marshall plan and about the latest proposals that the report of the Paris conference will have to be sent back for large-scale rewriting.

In fact, it is not hard to find out that officials in the British Foreign Office and the Treasury are saying that prolonged delays are nothing over again.

If anything could make us pro-Russian, one of these officials said, strictly unofficially, in commenting on the proposal that the Paris report would have to be re-written to please the United States Congress, "It's the way we are being treated like naughty school-children, accused of not having done our exercises right and told that we must stay in after school and do them over again."

"And all the time our economic situation and that of the rest of Europe is rapidly deteriorating."

"Famine waits for no man's pleasure—not even that of the Congressional Committees whose members have been surveying Europe with critical eyes" said the Socialist review "New Statesman and Nation" this week commenting on the delay in Washington on the Marshall project.—Reuter.

### PERCIVAL'S SINGAPORE REPORT HELD UP

London, Oct. 16.—A "wrangle" between the civil and military administrators in Malaya which has resulted in discussions between the Australian and British Governments, is responsible for the delay in the publication of Lieutenant General A. E. Percival's long awaited dispatches on the fall of Singapore. It was authoritatively learned here tonight.

Following complaints that certain statements in the dispatches showed the Malaya Civil Administration "in an unfavourable light," important political issues were raised which the Australian Government have taken up with Whitehall.

Copies of General Percival's dispatches, in type and ready for issue six months ago were, according to practice, sent to Canberra, and since then there have been many coded messages between the two Governments.

It was understood that discussions were still continuing and there was no indication yet when the "wrangle" is likely to be sorted out.

The War Office tonight refused to make any comment other than to say: "We have not the slightest idea when the Percival dispatches will be published."

Meanwhile, letters of protest at the delay continue to appear in the British Press.

Writing in today's London Times from Edinburgh, Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Murray said: "Important voices, including that of General Percival, have pleaded for the publication of papers throwing light on the Singapore tragedy, but without result."—Reuter.

### French Govt. Moves Troops Into Paris

#### STRIKE SITUATION EASIER

Paris, Oct. 16.—The French Government today moved detachments of troops into Paris. Spokesmen from the Ministry of the Interior and the War Ministry declined to comment on these movements.

The troops arrived in lorries with trailers and field kitchens and carrying full field kit.

About 102,000 workers today agreed to go back to work but some 60,000 were still out in the "wage strikes" which have affected port and inland transportation, gas and electricity works for the past week.

Settlement hopes were reported to be pinned on the ballot decision of 2,000 members of the breakaway Union of Underground Workers, who have been out since Saturday, to return to work today.

It was thought that the main Underground Workers Union, numbering about 30,000 and affiliated to the CGT, might follow the lead of the independent union in sympathy with whom they came out on Tuesday, but up to tonight no action had been taken.

A settlement might, it was hoped, be reached tonight in the strike of 70,000 officers and men of the French merchant navy, who tied up their ships in ports throughout France and North Africa this morning and struck for higher pay.

#### TAXI DRIVERS STOP WORK

Eight thousand taxi drivers belonging to a Union affiliated with the CGT came out on a 24-hour strike in protest against the Government's default in solving the problem of the taxi trade after the recent petrol cut, but about 1,000 owner drivers, members of another union, decided to carry on as usual.

The French Government has agreed, at an early Cabinet meeting, to consider the demands by the gas and electricity workers throughout the nation for an 11 per cent pay increase, thus averting a threatened strike by 100,000 workers.

Employees in the nationalised Renault automobile plant who went on strike yesterday in sympathy with the transport workers resumed work today, the management has announced.

The strike among workers employed in the National Weather Forecast Bureau also ended today. They had stopped work 10 days ago for higher wages.

(The Chief Secretary to the Prime Minister, M. Pierre Monthu, met the delegates of the Union of Underground Workers before the meeting and told them that their claims for pay adjustments would be quickly dealt with as soon as they had returned to work.)

(He argued that their Union, which is independent of the General Confederation of Labour—should not support the Confederation's strikers who had stopped work for political reasons.)

Earlier, M. Pierre Tisler, head of the office of Jules Moch, the Minister of Public Works and Transport, told a press conference that it was impossible for technical reasons for the Paris Metro to start again before tomorrow morning, but it was hoped that two bus lines could be put back into service tonight.

"The fact that the Metro is not running this afternoon is the fault of the Government's administration," was the comment of officials of the Union of Underground Workers.

The Union officials declared that negotiations of the official recognition of their breakaway Union and a readjustment of salaries were under way.

A Government spokesman declared: "The fact that the 'breakaway' union has been recognised at the Prime Minister's residence shows that the union is henceforth officially recognised."

It is reported that should the marine strike continue until tomorrow, special exception will be made in the strike orders to allow pilot boats to take passengers from the port of Cherbourg to the liner America.

This vessel, sailing from Southampton, will leave for the United States as soon as the passengers are picked up at Cherbourg.—Reuter.

### HAUNTEDHOUSE OWNER TO PAY

London, Oct. 16.—An appeal to reduce taxes on a country mansion because it was allegedly haunted failed today despite the tax assessor's loud arguments on behalf of the ghosts.

Councillor Henry Richards, who attended two midnight seances at a lonely home, declared that, on the evidence of qualified psychic researchers, the house was definitely haunted by the ghosts of two lovers who died nearly 300 years ago.

However, the Luton Area Assessment Committee meeting at Luton this morning ruled the house at Appleton, Bedfordshire, not haunted and the owner, E. Key of "The Pie Crust," Eel Pie Island, Twickenham, must pay full taxes.

Richards argued that researchers accompanying him had actually seen the ghosts of beautiful young Basie and her lover John who, according to legend, were locked in a cellar closet by Basie's enraged father and left to die there.

Richards later told the United Press, "I did not see the ghosts myself, but there definitely is something there."

He added: "Ninety percent of the public will say rubbish, but the evidence of psychic researchers into such a subject should be accepted as much as a physician's diagnosis of a human malady."—United Press.

### The Sports Column

### Lightweight Title For Thompson

#### CONTEST STOPPED

Liverpool, Oct. 16.—Billy Thompson, of Yorkshire, became the British lightweight champion at the Liverpool football ground tonight when he beat Tan Hawthorne, of North Shields, in the third round of their fight for the vacant title. The referee stopped the contest after Hawthorne had received a merciless hammering in the third round.

Hawthorne had outpointed Thompson for the Northern Area championship in September last year, but 20,000 enthusiastic spectators tonight saw the amiable Yorkshireman in a fighting fury as he battered his opponent mercilessly on to the ropes.

After the second round, during which Hawthorne took two counts of six and one of eight, the issue was never in doubt.

Hawthorne looked good in the opening rounds when he caught Thompson three times with his famous right hand punch, but the Yorkshireman adopted rushing tactics in the second round and the policy paid.

He rocked Hawthorne with some heavy punches to the body, switched his attack to the head, and Hawthorne was down.

He staggered to his feet at six, only to be sent crashing down again under a barrage of blows, which were repeated a few moments later for Hawthorne to take a further count.

Hawthorne failed to withstand his rival's terrific attack in the third round and only kept on his feet by holding on to the ropes. As Thompson landed about 20 punches in succession against a completely defenceless opponent, the referee had no hesitation in stopping the contest in his favour.—Reuter.

#### MIGOLI WINS

Newmarket, Oct. 17.—The Aga Khan's Eclipse Stakes winner Migoli, which also finished second in the Derby and third in the St. Leger, left no doubts about his superiority over the French challenger, Marcel Bosuance's Nirgal, with an easy two lengths win in the £2,000 Champion Stakes, run over one and a quarter miles here today.

Starting an even money favourite and ridden by the champion jockey, Gordon Richards, Migoli took the lead at the dip and on strongly up the hill to win in the exceptionally fast time of two minutes 4-1/5 seconds.

Migoli, who beat Tudor Minstrel in the Eclipse Stakes over the same distance, was a popular winner of this 60-year-old race, which is a coveted prize for owners and breeders.

Migoli is by the French-bred Derby winner, Bois Roussel.

Nirgal started at six to four against.

The Aga Khan's Claret, which set the pace, finished third a further length behind at 100 to 6.

Migoli has now finished racing for this year, but will be kept in training next year with the Eclipse Stakes as his main objective, according to Prince Aly Khan.—Reuter.

### Cambridgeshire Call-Over

London, Oct. 16.—The card for the Cambridgeshire, to be run at Newmarket on October 29, was called over at the Victoria Club tonight as follows:

5 to 1 Mighty Maharratta offered, 6 to 1 taken and wanted. 12 to 1 Title Street offered, 100 to 6 taken and wanted. 100 to 6 Vagabond offered, 13 to 1 taken and wanted. 100 to 6 Claret offered, 100 to 7 taken and wanted. 20 to 1 Law Suit taken and offered. 20 to 1 Fairley Fulmar offered, 25 to 1 taken. 25 to 1 Merry Quip, 100 to 1 taken. Master Vote and Woodcut, all taken and offered. 28 to 1 Some offered, 30 to 1 taken. 33 to 1 Early Harvest taken and offered. 33 to 1. Fine (Continued on Page 6).

### EDITORIAL

### Hongkong's Commitments

THE reply made by Government to Hon. M. K. Lo's questions in Legislative Council yesterday regarding the Colony's indebtedness to the Imperial Government and its suspense account commitments was typically vague and unilluminating. Hongkong admits a contingent liability of three and a quarter million pounds sterling incurred through advances from the Home Government between January 1944 and March 1947, but it is not clear whether this, plus further items pledged to suspense accounts, represents the Colony's entire indebtedness. If it does, one can almost feel pleasantly surprised. If it does not (for instance if DMA charges have still to be included) then yesterday's figures are not of particular value. A supplementary question on this point could probably have been put by Mr. Lo. The public too is entitled to a breakdown of that £3,250,000 figure; how much of it was spent, and for what purposes, between January 1944 and September 1946; how much was paid out in London before the resumption of civil government; and how much of pay, allowances and pensions of volunteers and their dependants, repatriation passages for non-officials, maintenance, relief and ex-gratia grants to civil defence workers. Presumably these have been tabulated and are available for general information. Yesterday's replies also appear to

contain a subtle repudiation of any responsibility for individual losses suffered as a result of the war and the Japanese occupation, because it is contemplated that the suspense accounts are only likely to be further increased through more recent accounts of the Crown Agents for the Colonies—a statement scarcely envisaging phenomenal commitments. The replies also contained a variation in figures which could do with some explanation: on the one hand we are told that there is a contingent liability for £3,250,000, and later it is suggested that the suspense accounts up to September 30 of this year, including the London commitments, totalled approximately £45,000,000—a difference between the sterling figure and the Hongkong dollar computation of \$7,000,000. There is probably a simple explanation, but it is not apparent in the statement as made in Legislative Council. The official replies to Mr. Lo's questions cannot be considered satisfactory for the reason they are too cryptic. What is needed is a comprehensive statement on the actual state of affairs, with itemised figures, and a declaration as to whether or not the £3,250,000 plus the odd additional commitments made since March of this year, constitute the whole of the Colony's potential indebtedness as a war bill; and, should the answer be in the negative, what is Government's estimate of the final total account?

### Newspapermen Pessimistic About U.N.

Lake Success, Oct. 16.—A poll by the Newsweek magazine showed that 75 percent of the newspapermen covering the United Nations have doubts about the organisation's ability to survive.

Only nine of the 45 chief correspondents think the current American policy in the United Nations is helping.

The United Nations, it is "furthering the vital interests of the United States."

Many of the comments were that Secretary of State Marshall has, as one correspondent puts it, "remained on the sidelines while the United States delegates fumbled the ball."

Another said the Assembly lacked any outstanding delegates and was only an "amazing collection of mediocrities."

The poll listed 45 correspondents, chiefly Americans but also representing the press of Europe, the

British Empire, Asia and Slav states.

Thirty-three thought the current meeting of the General Assembly had produced scepticism about the chances for survival, six thought it had improved the outlook, two thought the United Nations were doomed and three undecided.

Only four thought the meeting was offering anything constructive as far as "Soviet-American relations" were concerned. Thirty-eight said it had not and three were undecided.—United Press.



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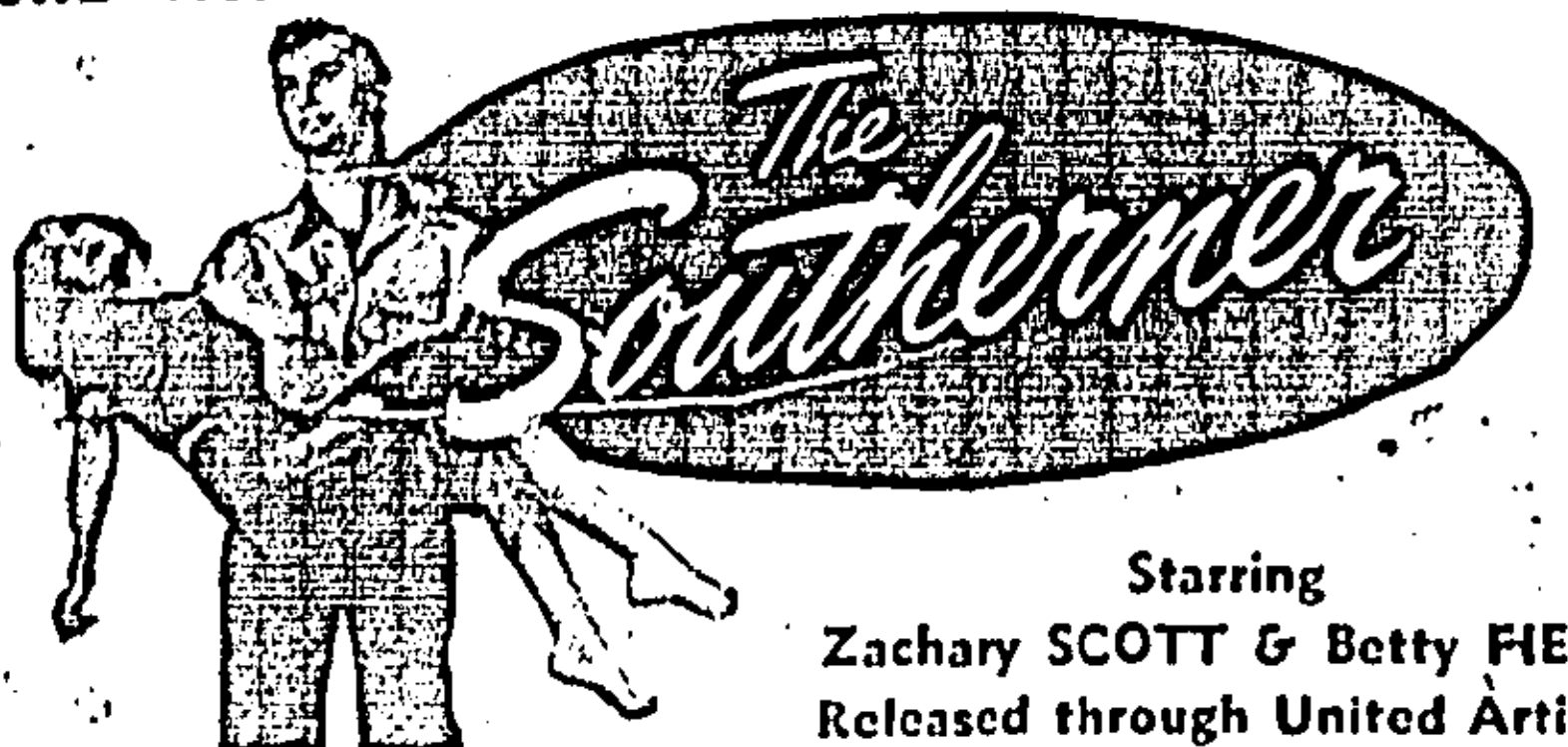
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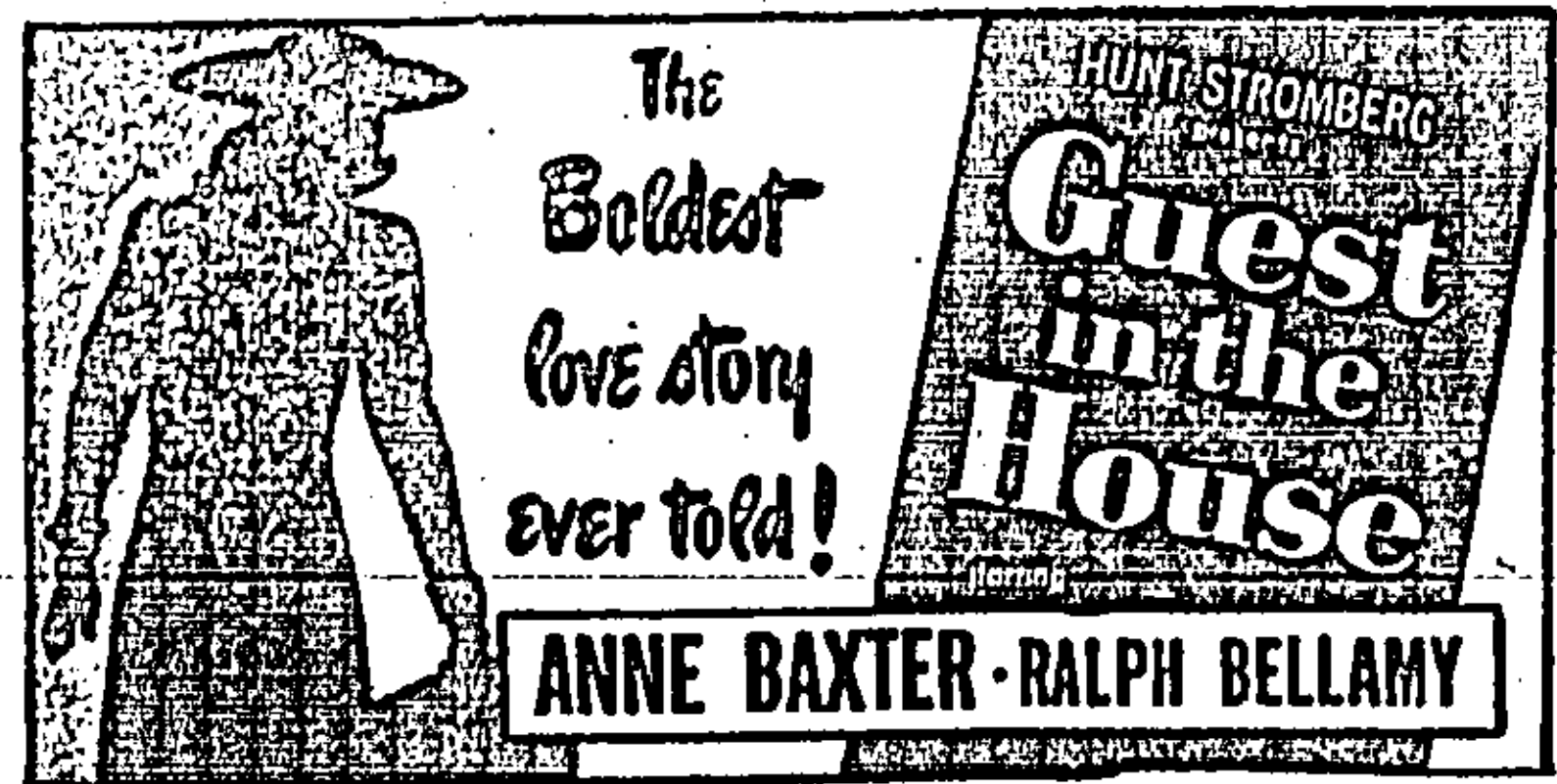
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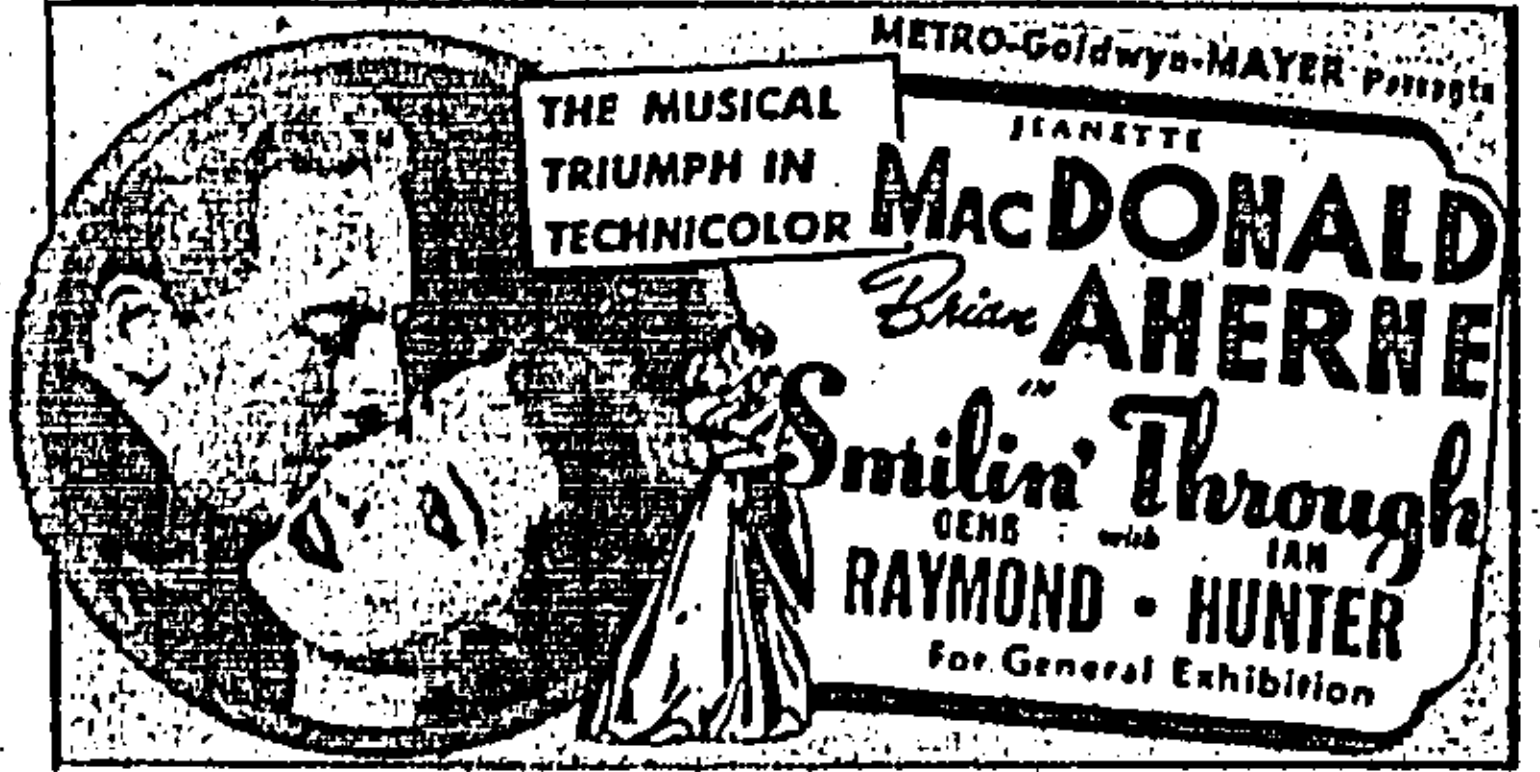
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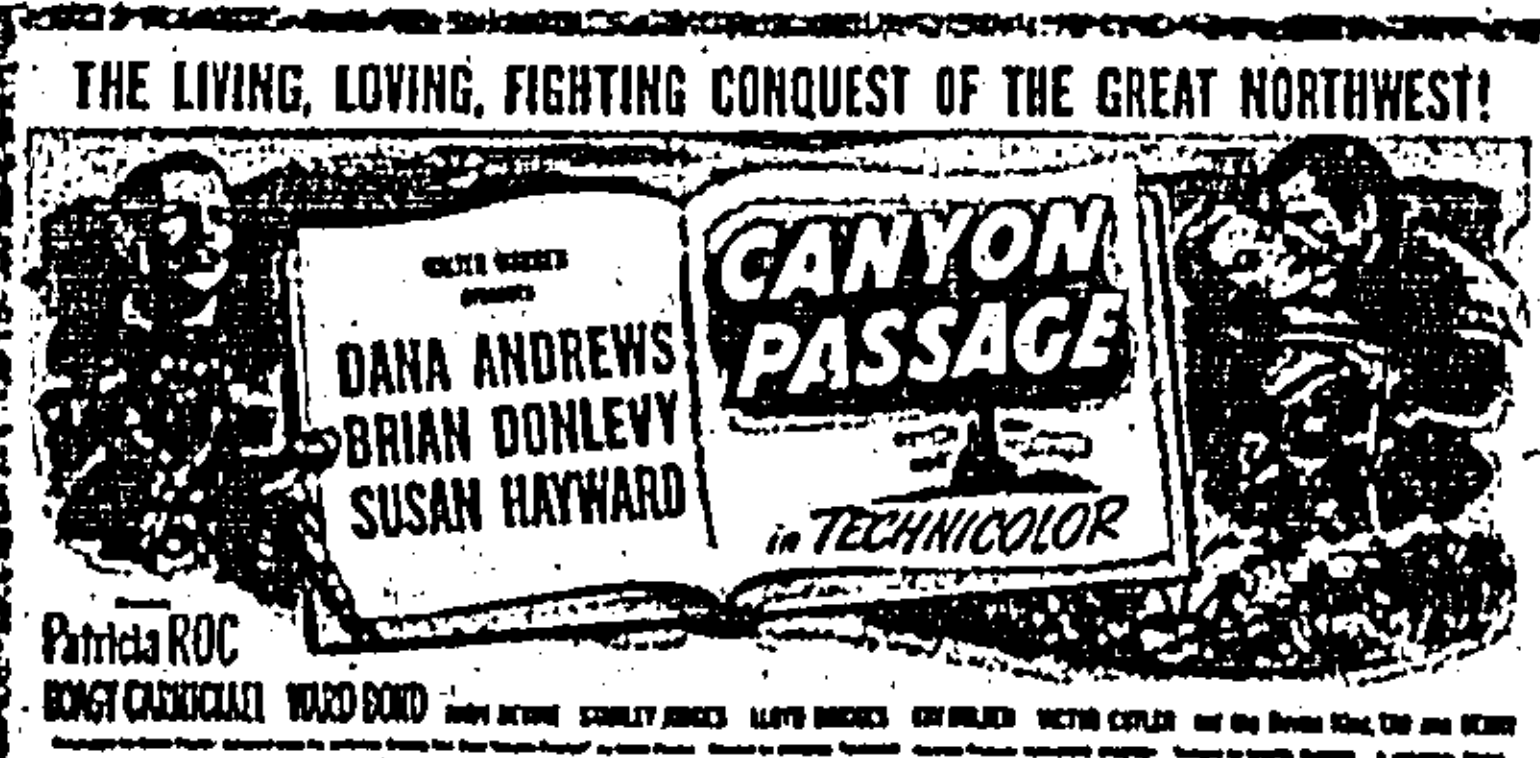
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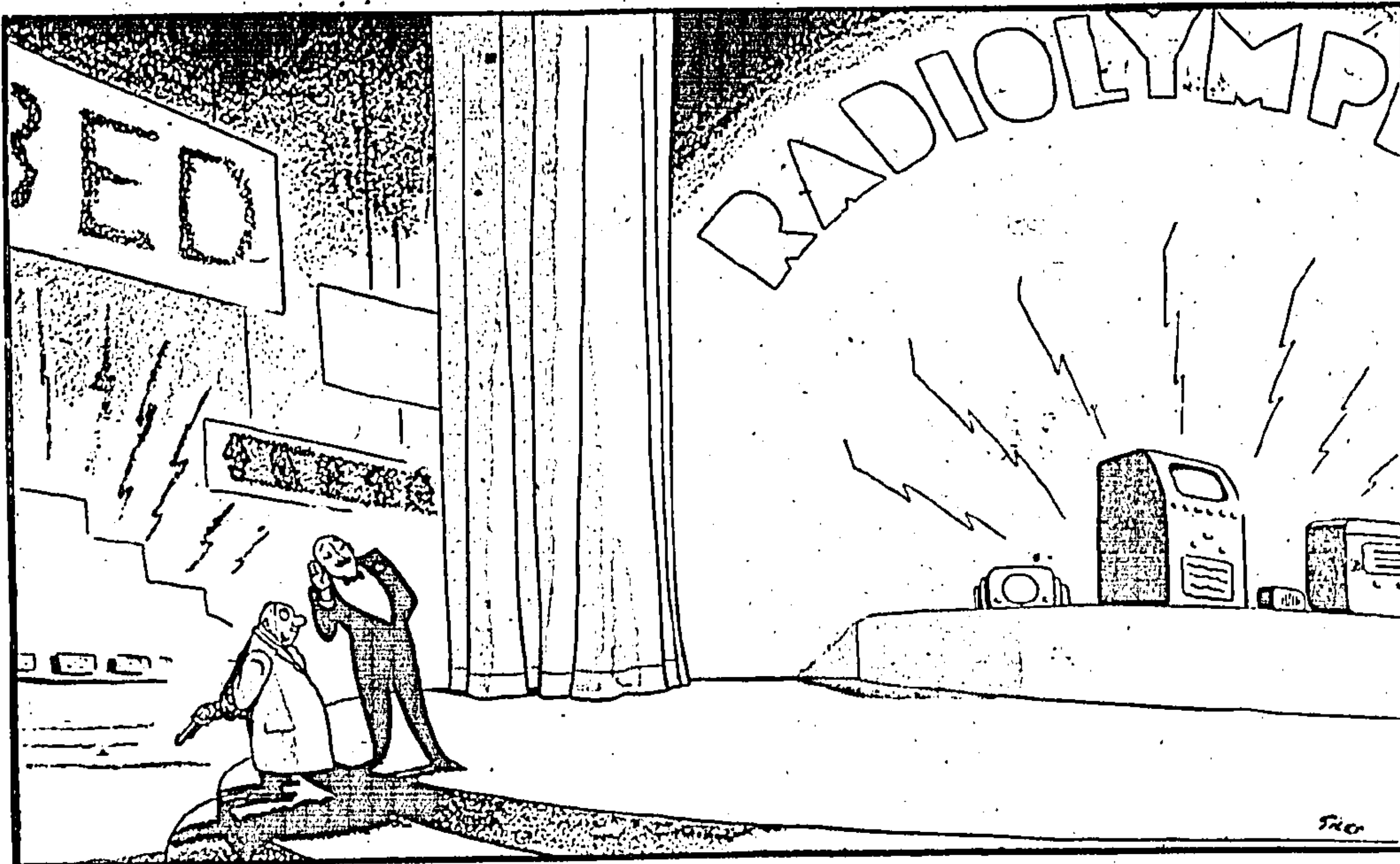


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# WHAT'S NEW IN RADIO?

## First postwar Radiolympia is a 'no-frustration' show

By MOORE RAYMOND



"Are you the salesman who persuaded my neighbour to buy a thirty-valve radio with extension speakers in every room?"

LONDON.  
RADIOLYMPIA, after eight years' absence, is back in all its blaring, shining glory. Unlike so many modern exhibitions, this is no frustration show. "For export only" is not its theme. You may actually give orders for sets from £10 to £1,000 with the knowledge that you will get it soon—perhaps even tomorrow. Main points of the exhibition: New designs provide plenty to admire, but nothing to astonish; Television comes into its own; Safety of aircraft, detection of crime, and efficiency in industry are among the subjects covered by demonstrations of the latest devices in radio, radar and electronics; Public entertainment ranges from "Itma" in person to television's "Picture Page."

THE streamlined, brightly coloured plastic chassis is the main appearance feature of the average set. But if you are both old-fashioned and well-off you may prefer a mahogany radio-plus-bookcase for £460. Push-button tuning is on view, but not particularly prominent, as makers find that listeners prefer to twiddle.

Since ranging the ultimate ether has declined in popularity as an indoor sport, comparatively few short-wave sets are exhibited. Novelties include the £10 midsets and the set that switches itself on at any fixed time.

There is another more elaborate affair that discourages burglars when you are away for the evening. Before you go out you set it for lighting-up time. When darkness comes the radio is switched on—and also the light in the same room.

# HOW THE NAVY PICKS THEM UP

All through the night destroyers were on the tail of 3,000 more Jews trying to beat the ban...

by ERIC GREY

HAIFA, Oct. 2.  
EVERY day of the week the old Lancaster bombers based at Ein Shemer in the lush green coastal belt south of Haifa take off for their six-hour sweep of the Eastern Mediterranean.

This is not a revived wartime story. It is happening in October 1947. Though the bombers are empty, in all other respects the planes are engaged in a form of warfare. The "enemy"—illegal immigrant ships making for Palestine.

Once a fortnight, on an average, they signal a find. Word is flashed back to Stella Maris, the French monastery marking in the sunshine half-way up the slope of Mount Carmel from which the monks have long since departed. In their place are the alert, trim young men in white shirts and white shorts of Royal Navy H.Q. Levant—the only British naval headquarters on active service today.

## The destroyers

WHEN the bomber's message is received things begin to happen in Stella Maris. Down in Haifa Harbour two destroyers make ready to leave. They were "oiled" when they came in from patrol yesterday and have been standing by for this.

Within half an hour they steam out of the bay, moving fast until they are lost in the blue dimness of sea and sky. Somewhere beyond the horizon is their quarry.

Today it is the two ships, Northlands and Paducah, with 3,000 illegal immigrants aboard. They are Jews sailing to the Promised Land in defiance of the Palestine Government's restriction.

Within a day or so they are due at Haifa, bringing the total of blockade runners to 44,000. It is barely two years since the Navy intercepted the first blockade-breaker—the fishing barque "Daneiros"—and 37 other vessels have since tried and failed.

A few weeks ago the passengers on the latest two vessels were trekking singly or in pairs across Europe to meet the ship. Then as now, they were fugitives. To be caught by the authorities would have meant going back to the hopelessness of the Displaced Persons' camps in Germany. Somehow they have outwitted the police and frontier guards of three countries, reached the obscure port where the ship was waiting, embarked, and here they are on the last lap of their voyage—spotted by the Royal Navy.

## The 'underground'

IN Tel-Aviv, the news that another ship is coming has spread rapidly among Palestine's 650,000 Jews. They may disagree about terrorism, but on immigration they stand four-square.

There are public meetings to demand an increase of the monthly quota of 1,500 immigrants. For many it is a personal as well as a national issue. Respectable, law-abiding citizens will tell you proudly that a brother or a cousin is coming "in the next boat."

Haganah, the Jewish underground "army," is preparing to cover a landing—there is always a hope that the ship can beat the destroyers, the ever-watchful planes, the radar stations along the coast and the Arab constabularies.

Haganah is always ready to try one purpose. Once it had two converted ex-Canadian naval convalescents in service, but their turn of speed was not equal to that of the Navy's destroyers.

## The pattern

DESTROYERS are on the job again today. Under international law they cannot board a ship until she is within territorial waters. But they can ask her name, nationality and destination.

If the present attempt follows the usual pattern, this is what happens in the next 48 hours.

As each ship comes within hailing distance, an officer puts the questions through a megaphone. The replies may vary. If she is a fast ship, determined to beat the blockade, the immigrants may all be below deck, the hatches battened down—and who is to know that she is not just another calque, playing cargo as the master tells you?

Or the Jews may crowd the deck and flaunt a banner urging the Navy to "remember Nelson" and "not to disgrace Britain's fair name on the sea by capturing homeless Jews."

Whatever the reply, the destroyers settle down to shadow the ship. As night falls she tries to give them the slip.

The immigrant ship is playing for time, will try to get away again under cover of darkness.

She cannot play that game for long, however. Water is scarce aboard, the passengers are wearied by a ten-day voyage in cramped quarters. Her master hoists the blue and white Zionist colours and orders full steam ahead for Tel-Aviv.

As she crosses the three-mile limit the destroyers close in, order her to stop. If she refuses a shot is fired across her bows. The 20 Marines who make up the boarding party put on steel helmets, grip their truncheons.

Their officer shouts a last warning: "WILL YOU FOLLOW US TO HAIFA?"

The Jews yell defiance. Some run below to sabotage the engine and radio transmitter. The young men pile up tins of UNRRA food saved just for this purpose. As the gaps

between the three ships narrow they hurl a volley of tins on to the destroyers' decks.

The Marines "return fire" with hosepipes. There is a crunch of steel biting into wood as the destroyers bump alongside and the Marines leap on board. Their orders are not to shoot unless fired on.

An hour later the Marines are in control of the ship. They are below deck, tow ropes have been made fast, and the ship, no longer flying the Zionist colours, is on her way to Haifa.

Then comes the hardest, most painful part of the operation—transshipment of the would-be immigrants to British vessels which will take them to internment camps outside Palestine. It may or may not be to Cyprus, for this is the first convoy to be spotted since the shipment of the "Exodus" Jews to Hamburg.

## Never Again

IT is no use telling them that they will only be there a few months, that when their turn comes they will land freely in Palestine. They want to land now, and cannot understand why they should not.

I have watched eight such transshipments and I never want to see another. Not a most of the British soldiers I met on the job. They carry out their orders as humanely as possible.

Fortunately it is only the first batch off who come under protest. The remainder shuffle along, men, women and children, a grey stream which moves from one ship to the other with a mingled air of hopelessness and defiance.

# BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE Government slogan or Highland war-cry, "Food before flicks," is edifying, inspiring, and full of dignity. But it is old-fashioned.

We used to talk of food, until it became diet. Then diet was superseded by nutrition intake. "Nutrition intake per unit before flicks" would combine the modern scientific approach to chemical meals with an exquisite use of the English language.

## Footnote to the above

THE trouble with the craze for catchwords and abysmally silly phrases is that they are mistaken for achievements. As has been remarked, you don't irrigate farm lands by spitting into the air.

## To a very young lady

My child, be cautious in your hours of play,

Do nothing unbecoming your position, Take warning from the case of Lucy Gray, Who raised a dirty stone, and stood appalled, For out from under it there slowly crawled A politician

## Suet hits out

THE moment I heard of the new Five Year Plan I got into touch with C. Suet, Esq., and asked him what part he and his department would play in it. His answer was the forthright, simple, honest expression of a burning zeal. He said that he was submitting to the Plan a memorandum on overall regional zoning of co-operative effort, and that he would like the newspapers to publish his slogan: "Get Busy or Go Out." He added: "We must produce more, and the obvious way to increased production is a shorter working week. That is what

is meant by the new reorientation schedules."

## The wrong stamp

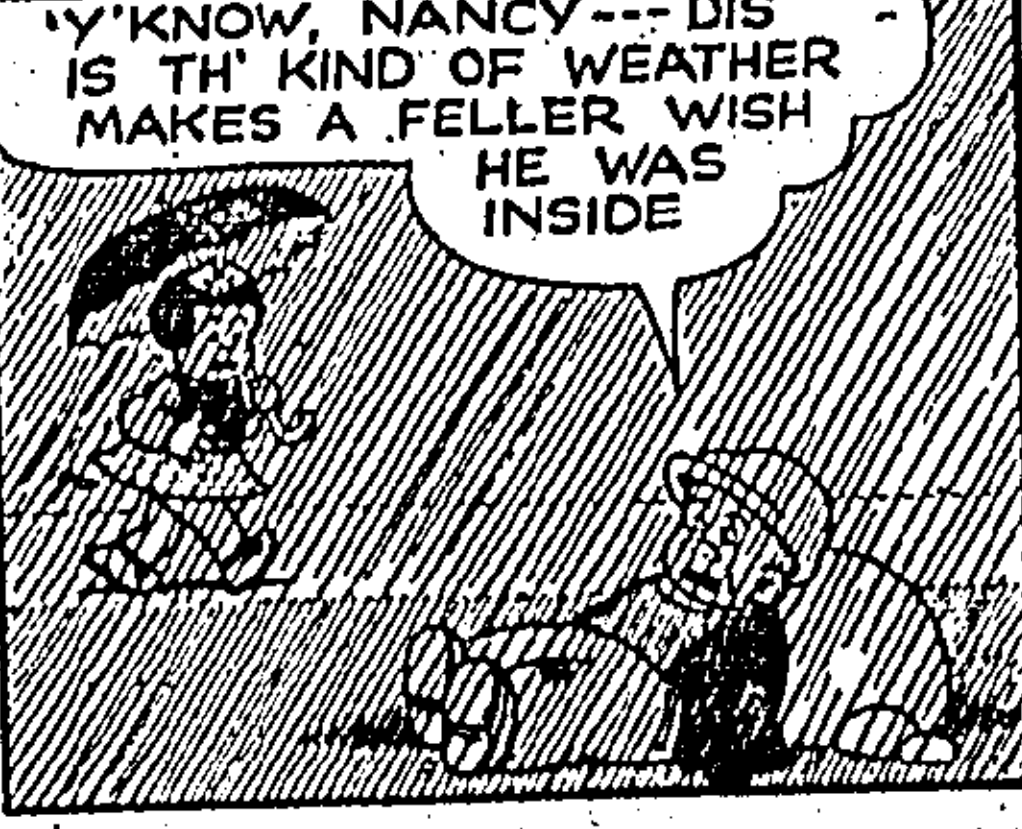
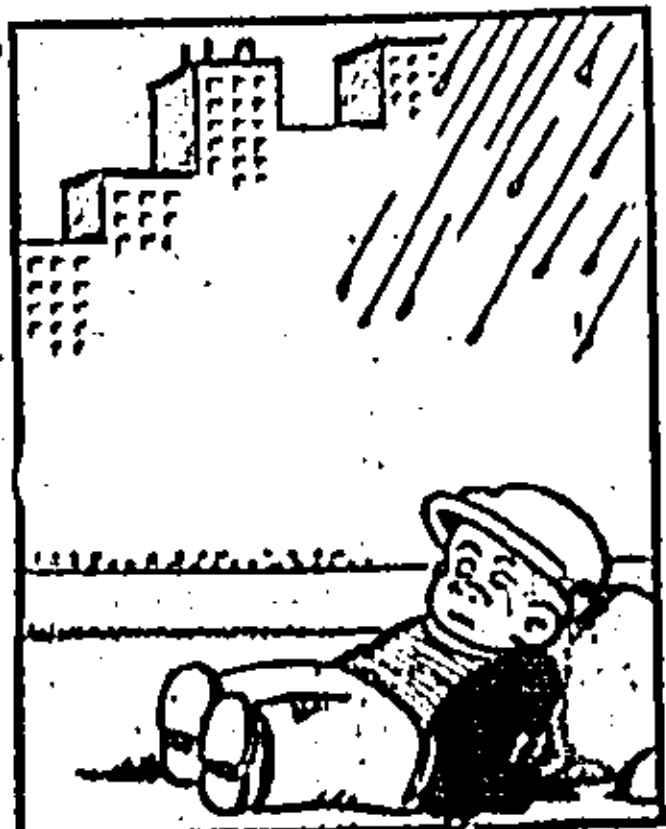
EVERYBODY keeps on asking all the time why it is that the statements of Ministers on domestic affairs always go wrong. Thus, the moment it is obvious that there is to be another crisis, the Minister whose Department is responsible says: "There will be no crisis." The explanation is that official announcements are now made by rubber stamp, and that someone forgot long ago to change the stamp.

## Largesse

After his exertions, the Mayor himself gave him a slice of bread. (News Item).

THIS recalls the famous words of the great lady to the boy: "Take a rubbish, little man. This is Liberty Hall."

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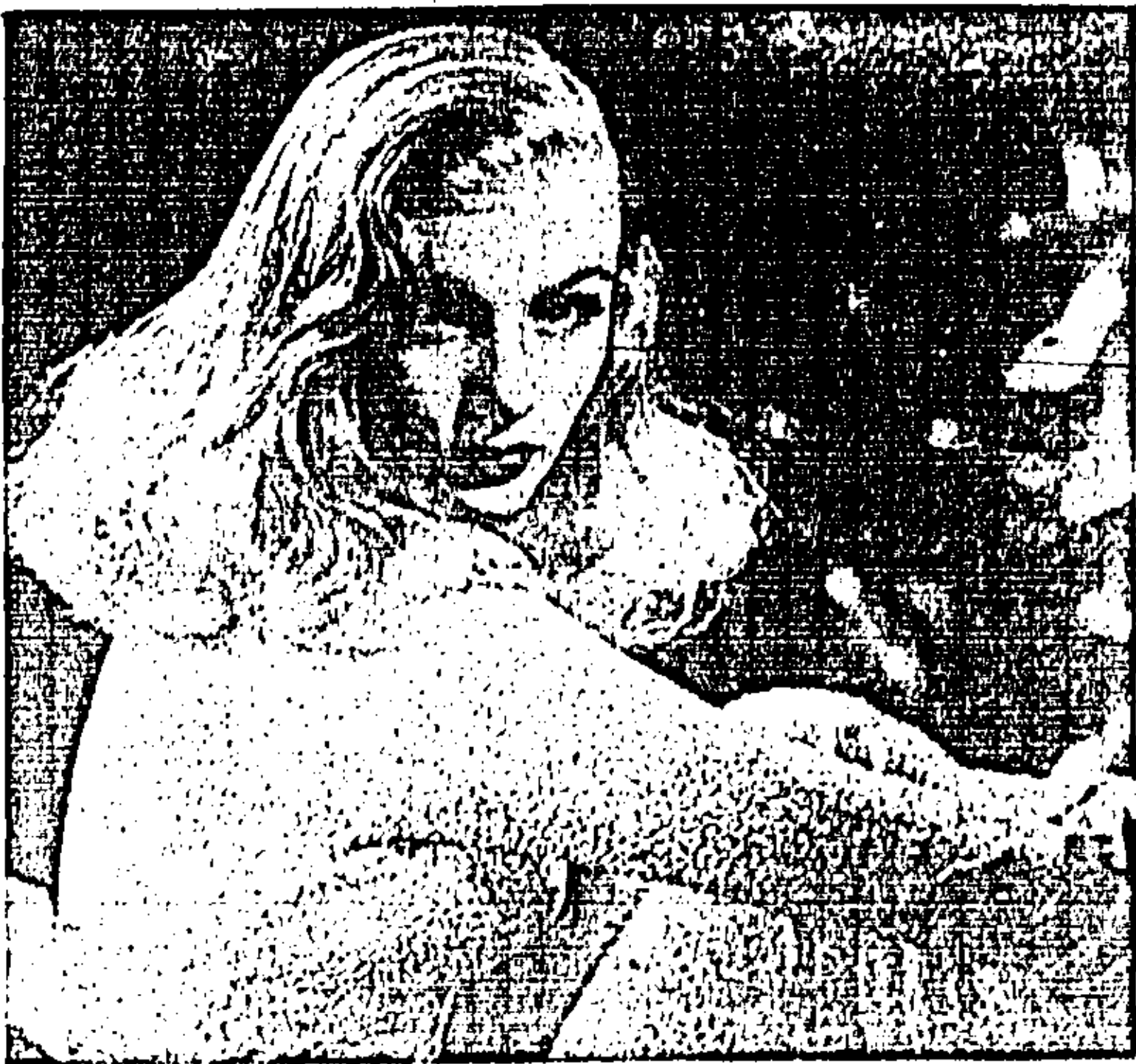
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## Women BEAUTY ARTS

By LOIS LEEDS



Posed by Veronica Lake for Lois Leeds.

Change your hairdo, mouth makeup or your favourite colour to stimulate new interest!

### STAR SHINE!

Veronica Lake, Paramount star, became famous for her over-the-eye hairdo, but when she and the public tired of it she chose a new hair style. Never be afraid of a change. It stimulates the interest of your public.

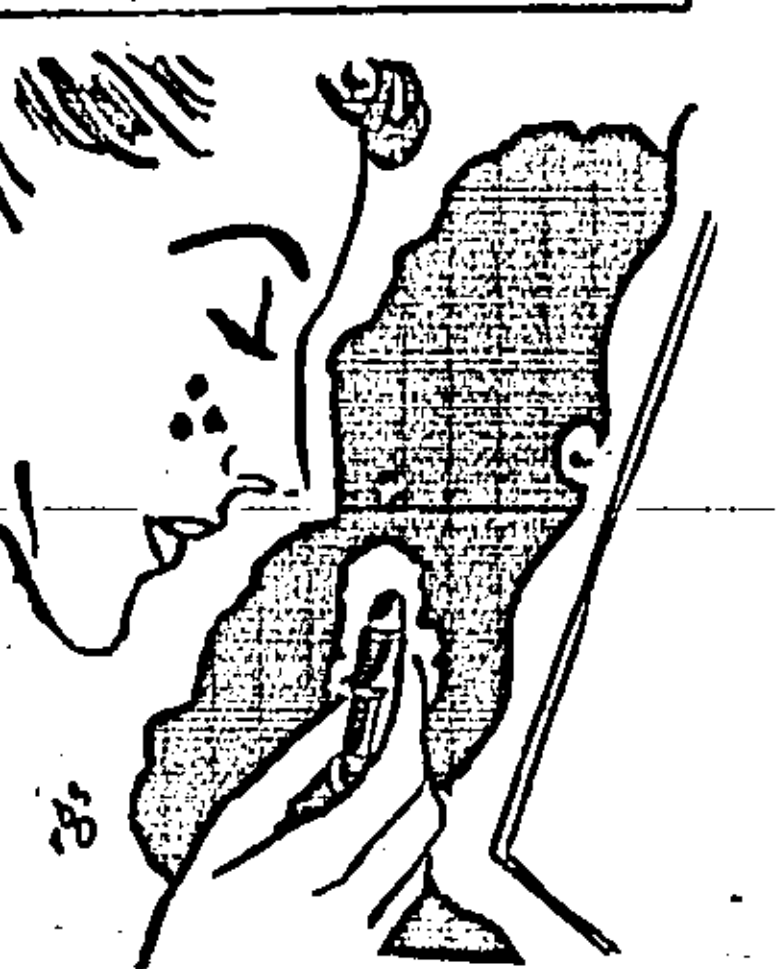
Here and There! While touches are here again—embroidery, plique and even net ruching is being used—very "little girl" and very flattering. Red lips and coats in Tulip-Red (a purplish shade) look wonderful for wear with prints.

White cloth suits are the newest, the most exciting fashion. Worn with beige accessories, they are very dramatic. And never forget the beige makeup in face powder and powder foundation.

Flower hats are about through and sleek, tailored straw hats are here. As giddy bows, flowers and exaggerated hipline treatment move to the back of new spring and summer costumes, it is obvious that in the months to come dramatic exits will be as exciting as entrances!

What Every Woman Knows! Fashion history is being made these days and the screen is helping to make it. The longer skirt—the long, slim line—the small waistline

## Minute Makeup by GABRIELLE



Always carry in your bag the same shade of lipstick that you use at home. When your lipstick wears down, heat the tip with the flame of a match in order to reshape it. While it is soft, mould it with your fingertips.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I'd have come home if I knew you were going to make the yard, but we had a very important debate at the corner drugstore about the presidential election next year!"

## Mussolini's Widow Living in Poverty

Isle of Ischia, Italy.—The Mussolinis of Ischia are today "just another family trying to live a quiet life." The widow, son and daughter of Italy's late Duce are poor people. Friends in the little village of Florio D'Ischia said generous neighbours donate food and clothing to help the family out.

## "STAR-QUOTES"

JOHN HODIAK

answers this question:

"What should the aims of the motion picture be?"

ANYBODY in Hollywood will tell you, with the best of intentions, of course, what is wrong with the movies.



Personally, I believe we can get better results by thinking how we can make the most of what we have rather than JOHN HODIAK dwelling on our shortcomings.

Motion pictures are the most powerful medium the visual arts have ever had for communicating ideas. The screen can be as important a testing ground and showcase for moral and sociological thinking as the stage.

The primary aim of pictures, as of the theatre, must always be entertainment. And it has been well demonstrated, with films like "The Lost Weekend," "The Southern" and "Grapes of Wrath," that a movie can have a serious subject and moral and still be good show stuff.

### Strong Entertainment

Hollywood has shown that it, like the stage, can dramatize and popularize intelligent and controversial themes, and it should do it more often. In "Desert Fury," my latest picture with Elizabeth Scott and Dick Lancaster, Hal Wallis has in my opinion made the most of a tense, compelling drama and by so doing he has paid tribute to the mental appreciation of picturegoers. It is strong entertainment, to be sure, but it is also a work of art, a work of art for its setting in the Mojave Desert, faithful in its characterizations and it also carries a strong social impact through the dramatization of the lives of the people in the story. It will entertain and, in addition, it stimulates the artistic imagination.

Personally, I feel that "Desert Fury" fulfills what I believe to be the aims of the motion picture because it possesses the qualifications I have just described.

(Tomorrow—Marlene Dietrich)

## Students Did Not Return

Because 12 German university students have failed to return to Germany from officially sponsored visits to Switzerland, a specially strict check is in the future to be made on students going abroad, the Swiss Consulate in Hamburg said.

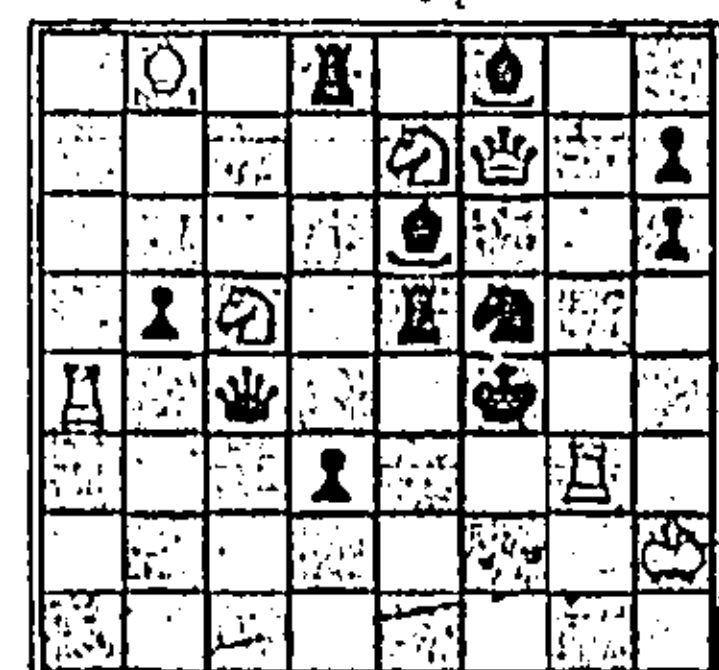
In some cases the "absent" students had sent their British Military Government exit permits back asking for an extension of time, but the Military Government officials said that such extensions could not be granted.

There is also some uncertainty about the movements of another 20 students who visited private persons in Switzerland.

The extra precautions now being taken by both British and Swiss authorities delayed a party of 38 Hamburg students going to help with the Swiss harvest. After a three-week delay they were allowed to go on October 4.—Associated Press.

## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. P. EERKES  
Black, 11 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
White to play and mate in two.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. R-K1, 1... P-K2; 2. B-K1; 3. P-K3; 4. K-K3; 5. P-K3; 6. Q-B7.

Rachele Mussolini is a quiet, unassuming widow, as retiring as she was when Benito was building an empire. Today she shops, goes to church or walks with her children among inquisitive, respectful inhabitants of the town. Nothing is ever said about their past by people who live with them.

The son, Romano, observed his 20th birthday last month and is studying for his entrance into Naples University, where he hopes to take a degree in economics.

He has become the "protector" of the family and is a faithful chaperon for his sister, Anna Maria.

Romano passed his last school examinations on July 20, the 64th birthday of his father. The occasion caused no interruption in his studies and no comment among his fellow students.

### They Don't Gossip

At Capri, "social gossip" is heavy. Rumors and speculation about the Mussolini family are always topical. At Florio d'Ischia everyone "minds his own business." Inhabitants do not like to talk about their neighbors. When they do speak of the Mussolinis, they refer to the three as if they were victims of a disaster over which they had no control.

Romano and Anna Maria are as popular as any other school children. They have little parties with friends when Romano is not busy. Among the younger people, nothing is ever said about Benito Mussolini.

Romano and Anna Maria like to dance, make music and have fun like everybody else.

"The Mussolinis are really nobody," a friend said. "After all, they have a serious subject and moral and still be good show stuff."

## HAIRDRESSING BUILDS MORALE

The Luton and District Branch of the English Hairdressers' Federation has decided that hairdressing is "vital to the national morale."

"Hairdressers are producers because they produce order out of chaos—and the spirit of happiness," the president, W. T. Smith, said at a conference.

At Nottingham, before the Incorporated Guild of Hairdressers, member Jack Price forecast a new style for 1948: "Hair will be worn short," he said.—Associated Press.

## WHAT'S NEW IN RADIO?

(Continued from Page 2)

VICES show similar remote control of machines and how articles on a factory conveyor belt can be automatically counted.

The latest radar equipment on show includes safety devices for land, sea and air.

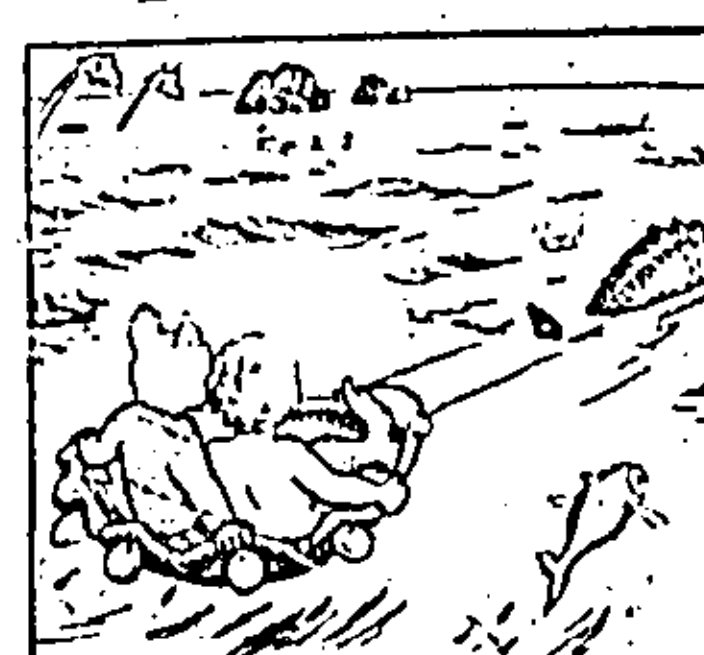
Visitors will be able to see how an airport control room deals with aircraft taking off and landing, observing the position of each airplane, and giving the necessary instructions.

The Air Ministry shows how meteorological reports are obtained by radio from aircraft in flight.

Foreign visitors—especially buyers—will be warmly welcomed, especially as the radio industry's export target is £1,000,000 a month.

At the same time the British listener will get the maximum of enjoyment out of a visit to Radio-lympia, which provides a huge 11-day programme of instruction and entertainment—besides the opportunity to order a fine, new radio.

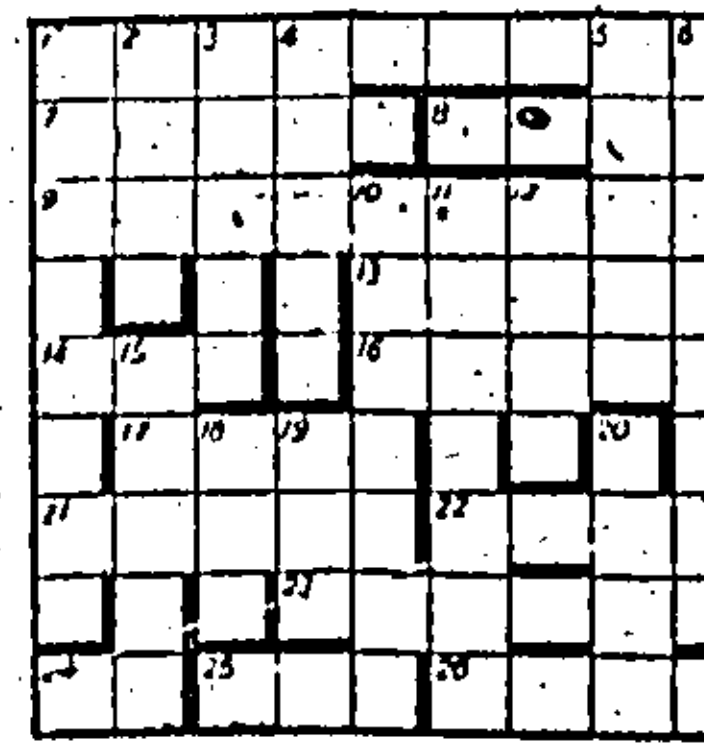
## Rupert and the Jumping Fish—46



The two sea serpents promise Rupert that they will not take the mermaid away from his home any more, and they thank him for all he has done. Then they and the jumping fish go with him as far as the last of the serpentine islands to see the great fish start his journey back to rocky 57. The shell-beat apart bounces over the waves and the mermaid laughs. "This is fun," he cries. "I'll come all the way to Rocky Bay with you. Then I can swim home. It isn't far."

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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- When it's afternoon over here it's quite over there. (4)
- Not quite away from everything. (5)
- Is on the ration. (6)
- Therefore. (4)
- A particular kind of two-step. (5)
- What a beast! (12)
- Taken from the pipe we smoke. (5)
- Sounds like an instruction to the start, but it comes from East Indian Dalmia. (8)
- Dupe. (5)
- Offering. (10)
- Form of horse. (4)
- Close fitting. (5)
- How to break the return of two negatives. (5)
- A Scots guess. (5)
- A sort of bird to enquire. (7)
- A present or donation. (7)
- The gift. (4)
- Slack. (5)
- Is a change from fat. (3)
- Our following would give the party in power. (5)
- Excited. (5)

- 1 and 6 This is how a supplementary question arises in the House of Commons. (3, 2, 3, 1)
- Unlucky. (5)
- A New Zealand shrub whose leaf provides claret-like wine. (10)
- What they are supposed to do. (5)
- The legend says they have ears. (5)
- Made of hard a kind of lace. (5)
- Helmet introduced in 1400. (5)



## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Opening Bid With Low-Count Hand

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

AT one time or another every bridge player likes to consult an expert about the bidding or play of a particular hand, but if he were to ask ten experts, he might get ten different answers. Also, strangely enough, on some hands the correct bidding does not always bring the best score.

Today's hand came up in an important tournament. Some players would say that South, lacking two and a half tricks, should not have opened the bidding, but the majority of the better players today agree that a distributional hand of this type should be opened.

However, when North bid two hearts, South had no right to show an exceptionally strong hand with

	♠ 7		♠ A 10
	♥ A 10762		♥ K Q J
	♦ A 1085		♦ 74
	♣ A 103		♣ 8762
♠ 432			♠ A 10
♥ 9843			♥ K Q J
♦ K Q 10			♦ 74
♣ 4			♣ 8762
	W	N	E
		Dealer	
	♦ K Q J 8 5		
	None		
	J2		
	♦ K Q J 9		
	Tournament—Neither vul.		
South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	3 N.T.	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
	Opening—♦ K		

the bid of three clubs. He should have signed the hand off with two spades.

Then if his partner bid three diamonds, South would have been justified in bidding spades and clubs till the cows came home. Very probably he would have reached a six-club contract which would have been made easily.

When this hand was played, and West opened with the diamond king, and declarer discarded his losing diamond on dummy's ace of hearts, losing only the ace of trumps.

## Check Your Knowledge

- What is the literal meaning of Mardi Gras?
- What famous historical American painting was posed by Germans in Germany?
- What is the meaning of the expression "to catch a Tartar"?
- What is Mahatma Gandhi's real name?
- Whose address is 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.?
- Name the huge bay that forms part of the Atlantic coast line of both Spain and France.

(Answers on Page 4)

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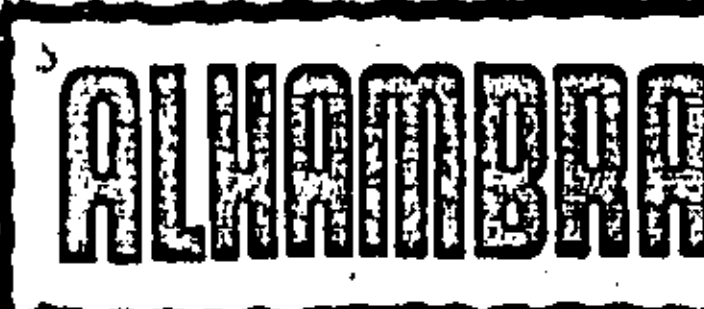
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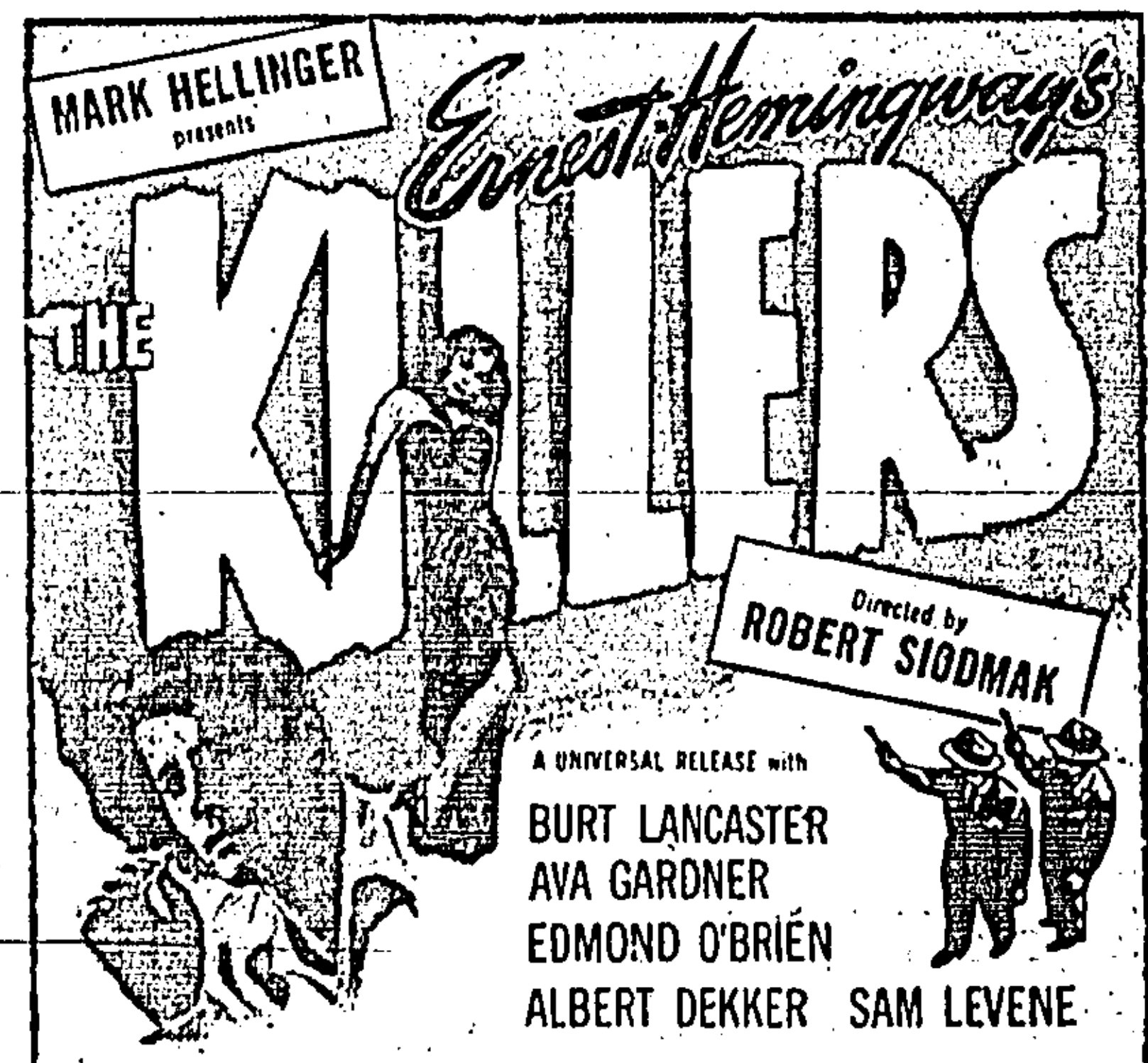
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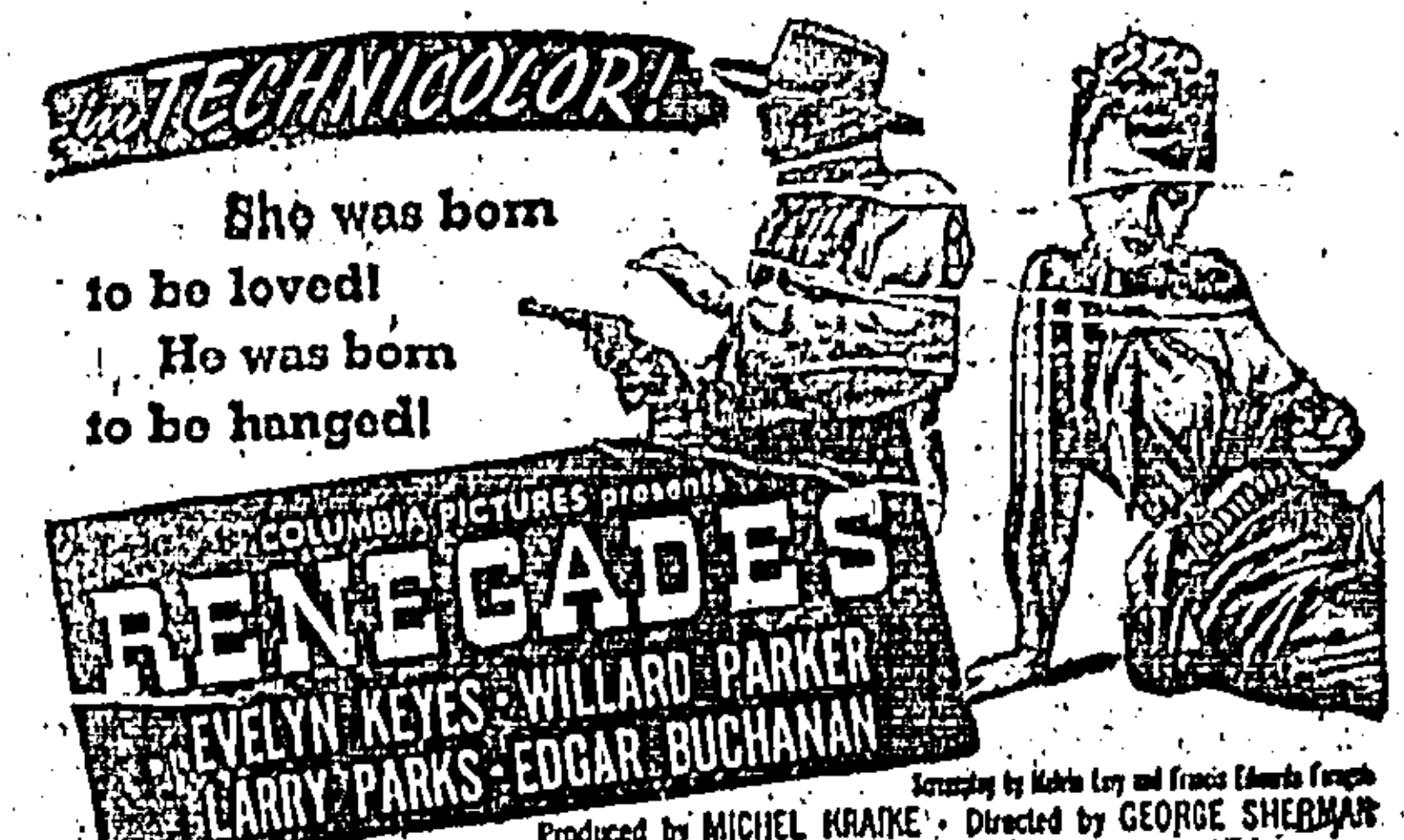


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JAMES MASON in  
NEXT CHANGE! "ODD MAN OUT"

## "ROYAL" RAILWAY MAN RETIRES

Britain's "royal" railway man, George Partridge, has retired after 20 years of speeding kings and queens on their royal way.

## Britain Imports Taiwan Tea

The Chinese News Service in New York said that the British Government had agreed to import 2,000,000 lbs. of black tea and a similar amount of Taiwan tea.

Partridge's job as a chief inspector for the Great Western Railway was to arrange and supervise special trains carrying British and European royalty and top-flight statesmen.

He always went to work in a morning coat and winged collar.

with a gold-braided railwayman's hat.—Associated Press.



